

90th Belfast Scout Group AGM Minutes 18th October 2023

Present

Lisa McKinney (Trustee)

Aldo Moscato (Trustee)

Iain McKinney (Trustee)

Item 1.

A discussion between the leaders for 90th Belfast Scout Group and 40th Belfast Scout Group was had recently at which it was agreed that the two groups should merge. The reasons are logistical, in that both groups are run from McCracken Memorial, and they have different sections, i.e. the 40th has Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs, and the 90th has Scouts, and currently a linked Explorer Group, Ad Maiora.

The proposal put forward by Aldo Moscato at this meeting is that the 90th and 40th Merge, and Ad Maiora remains a linked Explorer Unit.

Aldo also noted that we will of course seek the direction and advice of the District and the County on this matter.

The proposal was seconded by Iain and Lisa McKinney, and it was passed.

Item 2.

Aldo then reported to the trustees on the activity since the 90th Group and Ad Maiora started back in October 2022, having had a break during the Covid 19 Pandemic. 90th and Ad Maiora have been running together due to a lack of leaders.

Despite this lack of leaders we still managed a varied program including our weekly meetings at McCracken, and also trips to the Lagan for Paddle Boarding, Orienteering and map reading around Finaghy and Upper Malone. We carried out a foreign cooking challenge where Italian, American and Indian dishes were prepared and tasted by the children.

The scout year was finished off with the TOE Camp at Crawfordsburn, where 11 Scouts and Explorers attended. As usual this was the highlight for the children.

We have started again in September 2023 and a full round of activities, helped by the fact that we now have 4 leaders, up from 3 last year.

Item 3.

Iain McKinney agreed that he would, as in prior years prepare the Group accounts for 90th & Ad Maiora, in preparation for submission to the Charities Commission by the end of January 2024.

Item 4.

Aldo wanted to put on record our gratitude to Fountainville Scout Development trust for their continued support of both 90th and Ad Maiora. It was agreed by the other Trustees that the work of the group would be almost impossible without this help.

Item 5.

The bank balances were discussed, and a total figure of £3790.54 was in the 90th Scouts Account, and £666.43 in Ad Maiora. Iain is to lodge £240 into the 90th and £240 into the Ad Maiora account this week. We will have fees of £32.50 per scout in January. Currently we have 6 in Explorer and 6 in Scouts.

Item 6.

Callum McCloskey is doing the Explorer Belt in Luxembourg in 2024, so we will be helping with the finance of that. He will also likely be organizing a camp in McCracken before this trip takes place in order for the participants to get to know each other.

Item 7.

It was agreed that Iain McKinney would continue to help with the financial reporting, lodgements and expenses.

The meeting ended, with agreement that the report would be circulated as required.